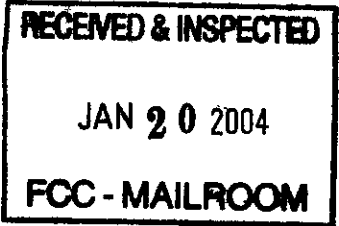


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Re: Application of Touch America, Inc. (Debtor-in-Possession)
WC Docket No. 03-259
Comp. Pol. File No. 667

On behalf of Touch America, Inc. (Debtor-in-Possession) (Touch America DIP or Applicant), we submit an original and four copies of this letter to update the record by addressing the comments submitted by the following entities: J.M. McConkey Company, Northrop Grumman, NW Handling Systems, Inc., and SUPERVALU INC. (Herein, "Companies").

Each of the Companies requests that Touch America DIP extend its proposed date for discontinuing its ATM/FR services, the latest date requested being 1 March 2004. Touch America DIP hereby informs the Commission and the Companies that it is making arrangements to continue its services to the Companies until 1 March 2004. Touch America DIP respectfully requests that its application to discontinue its services be granted effective 31 January 2004, save as to the services to the Companies. It is requested that Touch America DIP be authorized to discontinue services for the Companies effective 1 March 2004.

A copy of this letter is being served on all interested parties.

Should there be any questions, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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